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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE TOWN OF

SOUTH NEWMARKET,

Newfields

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR,

DANIEL C. LANGLANDS.

TOWN CLERK,

H. JENNESS PAUL.

SELECTMEN,

AUSTIN J. NEALE,

JERRY MALCHY,

NATHAN G. HOWARD.

TREASURER,

GEORGE O. PAUL.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

JAMES H. FITTS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

JAMES A. SPEAD.

AUDITOR,

SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT BIENNIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER, 1884.

MODERATOR,

AMOS PAUL.

SUPERVISORS,

DANIEL W. LYNCH,

CHARLES S. CLARK,

JEREMIAH TOWLE.

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT.

JOHN E. SIMPSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. O. Paul, Treasurer, in account with the town of South
1884. Newmarket. Dr.

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| To amount in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 28, 1884, | \$281 11 |
| amount note dated April 24, 1884, | 400 00 |
| amount " May 16, " | 250 00 |

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM THE STATE.

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| Railroad tax, | \$450 13 | |
| Savings bank tax, | 543 30 | |
| Literary fund, | 97 44 | |
| Bounty on wild animals, | 3 50 | |
| | ————— | \$1,094 37 |
| half insurance on town hall, | | 17 50 |
| amount of income from town hall, | | 24 00 |
| “ received from Co. of Rock- ingham, | | 130 00 |
| amount of tax list committed to James A. Spead for collection including dog tax, | \$4,822 37 | |
| Less discounts, | \$378 55 | |
| Abatements, | 57 30 | |
| Uncollected, | 55 05 | |
| | ————— | 490 90 |
| | ————— | 4,331 47 |
| | | \$6,528 45 |

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Paid sundry orders of Selectmen as follows :

* March 10, paid Annie E. Willis, for board of

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| | Eben Wilson, | \$13 00 |
| | A. L. Mellows, for new street, | 5 00 |
| | G. D. W. Robinson, for water- ing trough, | 3 00 |
| | D. C. Wiggin, | 1 75 |
| | County of Rockingham, board of Frank French, | 78 00 |
| April 1, | W. E. Conner, breaking roads in Dist. No. 1, | 35 20 |
| | Wm. B. Morrill, printing town accounts, | 22 00 |
| | Thompson & Batchelder, ac- count books, | 2 52 |
| 26, | Ellen A. Fowler, land damages new street, | 10 00 |
| 28, | Geo. O. Locke, land damage, new street, | 10 00 |
| | Estate of Simeon Locke, land damage, new street, | 10 00 |
| | Geo. O. Locke, Executor, land damage, new street, | 125 00 |
| | Abby W. Cummings, land dam- age, | 30 00 |
| May 5, | C. H. Sanborn, interest on note, | 18 00 |
| 12, | Sarah A. Locke, land damage, new street, | 10 00 |
| 15, | Martha A. Furnald, land dam- age, new street, | 10 00 |
| 24, | D. C. Langlands, highway Dist. No. 1, | 225 00 |
| 26, | Chas. E. Smith, highway Dist. No. 3, | 52 50 |

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| May 31, | paid | Boston & Maine R. R., freight on drain pipe, | 4 20 |
| *June 4, | | Ruth R. Lord, board of Eben Wilson, | 13 50 |
| | | J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on hearse house, | 3 75 |
| 14, | | S. P. Badger, memorial deco- ration, | 24 95 |
| 23, | | A. W. Richards, School Dist. No. 2, | 113 00 |
| 26, | | W. H. Conner, School Dist. No. 1, | 500 00 |
| | | Boston & Maine R. R., freight on drain pipe, | 1 20 |
| July 1, | | D. C. Langlands, highway Dist. No. 1, | 80 00 |
| 12, | | N. G. Howard, new street, | 100 00 |
| * 17, | | Ruth R. Lord, board of Eben Wilson, | 8 00 |
| | | Staples Brothers, bill of drain pipe, | 66 33 |
| | | Frank E. Horne, bounty on woodchucks, | 2 10 |
| | | Austin J. Neal, new street, | 22 00 |
| 23, | | D. C. Langlands, highway Dist. No. 1, | 134 00 |
| 28, | | D. C. Langlands, breaking roads, | 21 20 |
| | | “ new street, | 16 40 |
| | | County tax, | 670 41 |
| 30, | | N. G. Howard, new street, | 50 00 |
| | | “ bounty on wood- chucks, | 6 40 |
| Aug. 5, | | Geo. B. Wiggin, highway, Dist. No. 2, | 98 00 |
| | | Geo. B. Wiggin, breaking roads, | 5 50 |
| 13, | | Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson, | 6 00 |

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| Sept. 13, | paid Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson, | 6 00 |
| Oct. 3, | Mary M. Wiggin, land damage, new street, | 150 00 |
| 6, | F. P. Neal, breaking roads Dist. No. 2, | 13 50 |
| * 8, | Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wil- son, | 6 00 |
| * | A. H. Varney, medical attend- ance on Mrs. Claudman, | 8 00 |
| Nov. 5, | Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wil- son, | 6 00 |
| | J. P. P. Kelly, Ex'r, new street, | 200 00 |
| 24, | W. H. Conner, School Dis. No. 1, | 450 00 |
| * Dec. 5, | Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wil- son, | 4 00 |
| 26, | D. G. Neal, highway, Dis. No. 2, | 112 32 |
| 29, | N. G. Howard, bounty on wood- chucks, | 4 10 |
| | N. G. Howard, new street, | 143 70 |
| * | D. C. Wiggin, for C. Claudman, | 50 00 |
| * 30, | Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wil- son, | 4 00 |
| 1885. | | |
| Jan. 10, | A. W. Richards, School Dist. No. 3. | 112 00 |
| 21, | State tax, | 964 00 |
| * 23, | D. C. Wiggin, for C. Claudman, | 10 00 |
| | Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wil- son, | 5 00 |
| | J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on town hall, | 35 00 |
| Feb. 13, | J. W. Getchell, bill of glass &c., repairs of town hall, | 3 88 |
| 22, | H. J. Paul, services as town clerk, | 26 32 |

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| Feb. 22, | paid H. J. Paul, service of the three Supervisors for two years, | 30 00 |
| | F. M. Pillsbury, | 1 25 |
| | G.D.W. Robinson, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| 24, | Brown & Warren, repairs of town hall steps, | 23 00 |
| | E. A. Hanson, painting town hall steps, | 2 18 |
| | W. H. Conner, School Dis. No. 1, | 390 94 |
| | A. H. Varney, return of births and deaths, | 5 25 |
| 25, | D. C. Langlands, highway Dist. No. 1, | 200 00 |
| * | Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson, | 5 00 |
| | Swamscot Machine Co., lumber &c., | 51 07 |
| | Swamscot Machine Co., breaking sidewalks, | 17 95 |
| | Horace Clough, police service, | 10 00 |
| | Thos. Sheehan, " " | 10 00 |
| | C. H. Sanborn, interest on note, | 15 00 |
| 26, | A. W. Austin, police service, | 8 50 |
| | " " care and repairs of town hall, | 12 50 |
| | C. W. Scott, recording births and deaths, | 1 00 |
| | W. F. Littlefield, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| | A. L. Mellows, new street, | 10 00 |
| | Geo. B. Wiggin, breaking roads, Dist. No. 3, | 49 60 |
| 28, | D. G. Neal, breaking roads in Dist. No. 3, | 31 20 |
| | S. E. Williams, auditing accounts, | 3 00 |
| | D. C. Langlands, highway Dist. No. 1, | 78 24 |

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| Feb. 23, paid J. H. Fitts, services as Superintending School Committee, | 25 00 |
| J. A. Spead, collecting taxes, printing, &c., | 68 12 |
| J. A. Spead, bal. for collecting taxes to date, | 1 64 |

AUSTIN J. NEALE, SELECTMAN.

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| Mar. 18, time to Exeter to see County Commissioners, | \$2 00 |
| Apr. 15, filling out and recording inventories, | 3 00 |
| June 24, bounties on woodchucks, | 80 |
| July 30, blank books, | 1 75 |
| Aug. 30, time to Newmarket about liquor agency, | 2 50 |
| Sept. 1, time to Exeter and Newmarket, | 3 00 |
| Oct. 28, " see about board for Wilson, | 2 00 |
| Nov. 4, warning and attending Nov. election, | 2 00 |
| Paid E. A. Hanson, setting glass in town hall, | 35 |

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| Jan. 13, to Newmarket to see counsel, returning inventory to Coms. of equalization, | 2 00 |
| two trips to Exeter, to settle with Co. Commissioners, | 3 00 |
| Feb. 13, labor on town hall windows, | 1 00 |
| Helping poor persons, | 1 00 |
| Stationery and stamps, | 1 25 |
| 21, bounty on woodchucks, | 70 |
| All other services as Selectman, | 15 00 |
| | <hr/> \$44 35 |

JERRY MALCHY, SELECTMAN.

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| Apr. 1, enrolling militia, | \$2 00 | |
| 15, recording inventories, | 2 00 | |
| 28, telephone, | 40 | |
| May 23, time and expense on new street, | 2 70 | |
| June 10, bounty on woodchucks, | 30 | |
| July " " | 80 | |
| Police badge, | 1 00 | |
| Aug. 12, helping poor persons, | 2 00 | |
| Nov. 4, warning and attending Nov. | | |
| meeting, | 2 00 | |
| All other services as Selectman, | 15 00 | |
| | | <u>\$28 20</u> |

NATHAN G. HOWARD, SELECTMAN.

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| Mar. 20, Distributing Inventory blanks, | \$4 00 | |
| Apr. 15, Receiving Inventories, | 2 00 | |
| 3, Enumerating school children, | 2 00 | |
| May 3, Moving safe, | 2 00 | |
| Helping poor person, | 25 | |
| Apr. 4, Warning and attending November | | |
| election, | 2 00 | |

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| Jan. 7, Time and expense to Newmarket to | | |
| see horse damaged by dog, | 2 00 | |
| All other services as Selectman, | 15 00 | |
| | | <u>\$29 25</u> |

GEO. O. PAUL, TREASURER.

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| Apr. 29, Time and expense to Pembroke, new | | |
| street, | \$5 00 | |
| Exeter, | 1 50 | |
| Newmarket to pay County tax, | 1 50 | |
| All other services as Treasurer, | 30 00 | |
| | | <u>\$38 00</u> |
| | | <u>\$6117 97</u> |

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| Balance in hands of Treasurer, including bal- | \$ 275.00 | |
| ance dog tax last 8 years, | ^ | 410 48 |
| | | <hr/> \$6528 45 |

GEO. O. PAUL, Treasurer.

ABATEMENTS ON LIST, 1884.

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| Harry M. Emerson, poll, paid in Candia, | \$1 35 |
| Frank Blaisdell, poll, | 1 35 |
| Charles E. Batchelder, poll, | 1 35 |
| Eli C. Barnes, poll, | 1 35 |
| James A. Cassidy, horse and poll, | 2 03 |
| James Campbell, poll, | 1 35 |
| James Donovan, paid in Raymond, | 1 35 |
| John M. Ewin, " " | 1 35 |
| Stephen E. Hayes, " " | 1 35 |
| Charles W. Howard, paid in Greenland, | 1 35 |
| Wilmot H. Hersey, dog and poll, | 2 35 |
| Edward Hawes, paid in Hampton Falls, | 1 35 |
| Patrick Kenney, " " " | 1 35 |
| William Lane, paid in Dover, | 1 35 |
| Charles Morse, paid in Hampton Falls, | 1 35 |
| Frederick H. Paul, " " | 1 35 |
| Wm. Riley, " " " | 1 35 |
| F. C. Stafford, poll, | 1 35 |
| Levi Wiggin, " paid in Stratham, | 1 35 |
| S. A. S. Wormstead, poll, | 1 35 |
| Geo. E. Weeks, " | 1 35 |
| Alonzo Ward, " | 1 35 |
| Eben Yeaton, " | 1 35 |
| S. E. Williams, dog, | 1 00 |
| Harriet Warburton, error in real estate, | 13 50 |
| Henry Jackson, poll, | 1 35 |
| Samuel Merrill, real estate, | 1 00 |
| Winthrop N. Dow, real estate, | 2 02 |

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| Nathan J. Wiggin, poll paid in Stratham, | 1 | 35 |
| Charles F. Pease, dogs, | 2 | 00 |
| C. S. Dixon, poll, paid in Stratham, | 1 | 35 |
| A. M. Wiggin, dog, | 1 | 00 |
| | | |
| | | \$57 30 |

Valuation of property in town, April 1, 1884, \$352,620.
Rate per \$1000, \$13.50.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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| Note due Chas. H. Sanborn dated Feb. 21, 1881, | \$300 | 00 |
| “ “ “ Apr. 10, 1883, | 400 | 00 |
| “ Nancy Howard “ “ 24, 1884, | 400 | 00 |
| “ Chas. H. Sanborn, dated May 16, 1884, | 250 | 00 |
| Amount due from town, on orders drawn on Treasurer, payable April 1, 1885, for damages by dogs, | | 206 00 |
| Interest on notes to March, 1, 1885, | | 42 39 |
| | | |
| | \$1,598 | 39 |
| Less amount of tax uncollected, | \$55 | 05 |
| Less cash in hands of Treasurer, | 410 | 48 |
| | | 465 53 |
| Net amount of Town's indebtedness, | | \$1,132 86 |

*Paid by County.

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| AUSTIN J. NEALE, | } | Selectmen |
| JERRY MALCHY, | | of |
| NATHAN G. HOWARD, | | South Newmarket. |

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

So. Newmarket, Feb. 28, 1885.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Both statute and custom require that an annual school report be made to the town and to the State Department of Public Instruction.

This school question is no new one. Its provisions are ever before us to be freely discussed, wisely amended and efficiently adopted. No subject is more important in its bearing upon the well being of our community. Improvement should ever be the watchword. Every school year should record some good thing accomplished, or at least honestly attempted. May a kind Providence keep us wisely zealous and level-headed in all educational matters.

Our schools have done good work the past year. Wishing to avoid being thought too congratulatory, I yet affirm my positive conviction that our educational interests are improving. Certainly there has been no instance of failure on the part of any teacher or school. Each term has stood far above mediocrity. And when we contemplate a series of years, it is not indiscriminate flattery to affirm there has been decided advance in the character and methods of instruction and in the extent and thoroughness of scholarship. This advance may be seen in several important particulars.

Our school revenue has been gradually increasing for the past ten years. The state law requires us to raise \$843.50. We have made an additional appropriation the past year of \$625.00. To these sums there is to be added the income from the Literary Fund, of \$94.44. This gives us a total revenue of 1565.94. It is more than the school money of 1883 by \$24.77, and exceeds that of 1882 by \$233.55. Ex-

cepting the large sums for 1875 and 1876, it now exceeds any annual appropriation within the memory of man.

The law requires twelve weeks of school instruction annually. The average length of the schools in Rockingham county is 25.17 weeks, and in the state it is 19.91 weeks. The length of our longest school the past year has been 33 weeks, and of the shortest 26.60 weeks, with an average of 31.40 weeks. For the year 1883 the average was 32.25 weeks, while during all our previous school history the average has fallen short of 30 weeks annually. Thus in respect to the length of our schools we are improving.

The average wages of male teachers in the common schools of Rockingham county, for 1883, including board, was \$44.04, and of female teachers \$28.14. The average wages throughout the state of male teachers was \$38.41, and of females \$23.14. Two male teachers have taught in our schools the past year 59.60 weeks at the average wages of \$50.18 per month. Two female teachers have taught 66 weeks at the average cost of \$35 per month. The previous year the wages paid averaged \$50 per month for males and \$35.17 for females. It is difficult to compare this item of wages with those reported for the last twenty years. But it is believed we have made commendable progress, while our present rank in the county and the state is certainly creditable.

The expense of instruction for each enrolled scholar has been in the county \$7.27, and in the state \$7.52. The cost for each of our pupils the past year has been \$8.64. For 1883 it was \$8.38, and for 1882 it was \$8.26. Again the rate per cent. of the school tax upon the invoiced valuation throughout the county is .0025. Our rate per cent. is .0044, in 1883 it was .004, and in 1882 it was .0036. Here, too, we are advancing, and stand well among our sister townships.

But in the number of our school children we have retrograded since the year 1861 with its 217 scholars. In this

particular, however, the tide has turned throughout the state; may it speedily be so with us. The Selectmen made return, April 1, 1884, of 150 children in town between the ages of five and fifteen—75 boys and 75 girls. This equality of the sexes in number is a little remarkable. The whole number of different scholars entered upon our school registers, four years of age and upward, attending school not less than two weeks, is 167—boys 79, girls 88. The average number of pupils belonging to the schools in town is 133. The average daily attendance has been 126. Several of these pupils are from out of town. The number of scholars under six years of age is 13; over sixteen, 2; between six and sixteen, 152. The largest number of scholars in any school is 54, and the smallest number 28. The average per cent. of daily attendance has been .925. Pupils not absent or tardy during the year, 14; during one or more terms, 48. Eight pupils have been present every school day for two years. Nine scholars are attending school in other places. These rank well in their respective classes.

The number of scholars in town studying reading is 165, spelling 165, penmanship 152, arithmetic 159, geography 97, grammar 67, history 63, composition 22, physiology 12, book-keeping 6, algebra 9, geometry 4, astronomy 3, philosophy 3, civil government 2. General exercises in singing are had in the grammar, intermediate and primary schools.

The three-book Eclectic series of Geographies by Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., has been exchanged for the new two-book series by the same publishers. Some change was needed, and the present books give entire satisfaction. A revised edition of McGuffey's Reading Charts takes the place in the primary school, of the old cards so completely worn out. A valuable addition to the school furnishings of the grammar school, is the introduction of Willson's Charts of Physiology, imported from London. They decorate the walls of the school room as well as aid very much in the

study of this science. Much interest has been awakened in this branch. No voice has been heard in town, city or state against the study in our schools of the effect of alcohol, stimulants and narcotics on the human system. On Jan. 29, 1885, the schools at the centre visited the Methodist church, to see the picture by Rev. S. W. Hanks of the Black Valley Railroad and its vivid presentation of the ravages of intemperance.

May day seems pretty well established as a school holiday among us. Mr. Henry P. Neal for a series of years has kindly allowed the schools the free range of his pasture on that day—a privilege which has been amply improved. Last May, in addition to the usual hunt for flowers, the several school grounds were nicely “policed”. At the centre nine rock maple trees, *acer saccharinum*, were transplanted from the farm of Mr. A. C. Haley to the forbidding soil on the south side of the school common. The scholars enjoyed the work; they have cared for the trees and hope to see them flourish.

Our teachers remain the same as last year. They have all been employed during the entire school year. The primary school has now been under the care of the same teacher five successive terms; the intermediate and grammar schools each six terms, while the Piscassic school has been taught three years in succession by the same instructor. In this respect we are exceedingly fortunate. The fact that without exception the teachers have been retained from last year certainly speaks well for their work, and is highly complimentary to them. Thorough acquaintance has shown them worthy of our confidence, affection, and co-operation. Opportunity was afforded them to visit the Teachers’ Institute at Concord, Oct. 24th and 25th, 1884. At much personal sacrifice to themselves they attended its sessions, thereby showing their eagerness to master the science and methods of the teacher’s profession. The Superintendent has no need to refer to their respective merits as teachers and the

uniform success which has crowned their labors. He has occasion only to say that they have maintained their former good reputation among us, and that their interest, fidelity, and efficiency are still unabated and seem very much to excel even that of patrons and committees. With the close of the year they each received from their pupils fitting tokens of affection and esteem.

Good health has uniformly prevailed among our teachers and scholars the past year. No term has been seriously interrupted by any prevailing sickness, and individual cases of ill-health have been exceedingly rare. No death has occurred to sadden our hearts.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, WILLIAM H. CONNER.

Three schools. Money appropriated to the district \$1340.-94. Length of schools 33 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 139. Boys 63, girls 76. Average number of pupils 109. Pupils under six years of age, 12; over sixteen, 1; between six and sixteen, 126. Average daily attendance 103. Percentage of daily attendance .918.

The schools in this district were pleasantly surprised on April 16, 1884, by the unannounced visit of the Hon. J. W. Patterson, Superintendent of Public Instruction for N. H. They have also been favored with a visit from Mr. Henry Kimball, School Superintendent of Rochester. Inside blinds have rendered the Intermediate school-room much more pleasant than heretofore. There is a growing feeling in the district that the school-rooms are not so well arranged in the matter of heating and ventilation as they might be.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher, GEORGE W. LIBBEY.

Wages per month, including board, \$60.00. Number of pupils for the year, 40; average, 37; first term, 36; average, 34; second term, 36; average, 34; third term, 35; average,

33. Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .933 ; first term, 94 ; second term, 94 ; third term, 93. Visits by Superintendent, 10 ; by prudential committee, 3 ; by parents and friends including the closing examinations, first term, 12 ; second term, 42 ; third term, 67. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, Ralph E. Conner, G. Fred. Littlefield, John Lynch, John W. Coe, Lewis Coe, Mamie A. Connor, Maud L. Pillsbury, Robert Murphy ; second term, Ralph E. Conner, G. Fred. Littlefield, John Lynch, John W. Coe, Mamie A. Connor, Nellie W. Pease ; third term, Ralph E. Conner, G. Fred. Littlefield, John Lynch. At the close of the year, February 27, 1885, prizes were awarded to Harry P. Chase and Clara L. Neal for scholarly deportment and to Ralph E. Conner, John Lynch and G. Fred. Littlefield for attendance every day of the school year. Ralph E. Conner and G. Fred. Littlefield have not been absent for two years.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Teacher, ABBIE M. CUSHING.

Wages per month, \$35.00. Number of pupils for the year, 46 ; average, 36 ; first term, 39 ; average, 38 ; second term, 35 ; average, 34 ; third term, 36 ; average, 35. Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .896 ; first term, .921 ; second term, .911 ; third term, .857. Visits by the Superintendent, 9 ; by the prudential committee, 3 ; by parents and friends including the closing examinations, first term, 14 ; second term, 35 ; third term, 40. Pupils present every day without being tardy, first term, Maggie Kelley, Ines M. Pease, Hattie Swett, Mabel A. Conner, Bertie Miller, Herman Neal, Wilbur Littlefield, Charlie Pillsbury ; second term, Wilbur Littlefield, Bertie Miller, Charlie Pillsbury, Maggie Kelley, Mabel A. Conner, Cora Hayden ; third term, Charles Pillsbury, Herman Neal, Minnie Burns, Edna J. Chase, Myrtie I. Pease. Charles Pillsbury was present every day of the school year.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teacher, I. ALICE VARNEY.

Wages per month, \$35.00. Number of pupils for the year, 54; average, 37; first term, 41; average, 38; second term, 42; average, 40; third term, 36; average, 32. Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .914; first term, .894; second term, .975; third term, .875. Visits by the Superintendent, 9; by prudential committee, 3; by parents and friends including the closing examinations, first term, 21; second term, 42; third term, 44. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, Julia P. Conner, Charles Neal, George G. Tilton; second term, Julia P. Conner, Nellie J. Foley, Gertie Hayden, Mary Kelley, Lilly R. Marden, Wilbur Hayden, Willie Horne, Arthur Munsey, Charles Neal, Joseph Quinn, Fred Gunnison; third term, Charles Neal, George G. Tilton. Charles Neal was present every day of the school year.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, A. W. RICHARDS.

Money appropriated to the district \$225.00. Length of school 26.60 weeks—one term of 11, and a second term of 15.60 weeks. Whole number of different scholars 30—boys 18, girls 12. Average number of pupils 24. Pupils under six years of age 1; over sixteen 1; between six and sixteen 28. Average daily attendance 23. Percentage of daily attendance .958.

Teacher, A. W. RICHARDS.

Wages per month \$35.00. Number of scholars first term 23, average 22; second term 29, average 26. Percentage of daily attendance, first term .955; second term .962. Visits by Superintendent, 7; by parents and friends including the closing examinations, first term 21; second term 29. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term Charles H. Reynolds, Edward H. Richards, Ernest E. Richards.

Charles W. Richards, Arthena Belle Hanson, Nellie M. Hanson, Alice B. Kuse, Josie L. Burgess, Sarah R. Richards, Lizzie H. Richards, Clara E. Bowley, May Belle Burgess; second term Charles H. Reynolds, Edward H. Richards, Ernest E. Richards, Herbert W. Smith, Daniel R. Smith, Leon R. Henry, Arthena Belle Hanson, Nellie M. Hanson, Alice B. Kuse, Josie L. Burgess, Lizzie H. Richards, May Belle Burgess, Harry G. Marden.

Mr. Richards writes, "The attendance of the larger part of the scholars was very regular during both terms. The record which shows nearly 96 per cent. for the year, would have been higher had it not been for two or three of the smaller ones whose years and strength were not equal, in the fall and winter term, to the somewhat spasmodic changes of the climate. Nine pupils have attended through the year without being absent; and six, Charles H. Reynolds, Arthena Belle Hanson, Nellie M. Hanson, Eddie H. Richards, Ernest E. Richards and Lizzie H. Richards, have not been absent for two years."

With many thanks for the efficient aid rendered by prudential committees, faithful teachers, studious pupils, and co-operating parents and citizens, this report is respectfully submitted.

J. H. FITTS.

South Newmarket, Feb. 28, 1885.

